

KANSAS CORONER AND MEDICOLEGAL DEATH INVESTIGATION CONFERENCE 2026

August 19, 2026 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. | Hilton Garden Inn | Salina, KS



REGISTRATION can be made by scanning the QR code, or one of the following methods:

Phone: Call (620) 670-5272

Online:

<https://www.eeds.com/live/870391>

*Seating is limited, and preregistration is required by 5 p.m., **August 5, 2026.**

HOTEL BLOCK RATE is \$149.00 plus taxes and can be reserved by using this direct link **Hilton Garden Inn** or by calling 785-309-0440 and providing the code **90b**. Rooms are limited. **Rate is valid until July 16, 2026.**

CONFERENCE FEE

Early Bird Rate - \$80.00 on or before July 15, 2026

Regular Rate - \$105 beginning July 16, 2026.

Cancellation deadline is 5 p.m. on August 5, 2026.

Cancellations received at least 14 days prior to the event will be eligible for a refund of 50% of your registration fee. Cancellations received after August 5, 2026, will not be eligible for a refund. Registration fees are not transferable to any other attendee or to future events.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Course Director: Diane Peterson, MD

Committee members:

Kay Haug, Sara Hortenstine, Daina Zolck, Mark Bolinger

AGENDA

8 - 8:30 a.m.

Registration/Sign In

8:30 - 8:45 a.m.

CE Info and Welcome

8:45 - 10:45 a.m.

SUID: All Things Considered
Kevin Cleghorn, D-ABMDI

10:45 - 11 a.m.

Break

11 a.m. - Noon

**Caught by the Dragon:
Investigating Opioid Overdose
Deaths**
Tyson Baird, PhD
Harley Schainost, MD

12 - 12:30 p.m.

LUNCH

12:30 - 2 p.m.

**Forensic Anthropology's
Contribution to Medicolegal
Death Investigations**
Alexandra Klaes, PhD

2 - 2:15 p.m.

Break

2:15 - 3:15 p.m.

**Identifying Elder Abuse
in the Healthcare Setting**
Joshua Bolla, MD

3:15 - 3:45 p.m.

Round Table Discussion
Diane Peterson, MD
Alexandra Klaes, PhD
Tyson Baird, PhD
Harley Schainost, MD
Kevin Cleghorn, D-ABMDI
Joshua Bolla, MD

3:45 - 4 p.m.

Closing Comments

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This comprehensive conference covers death investigation from cradle to grave, highlighting proper scene investigation documentation and photography for all ages of decedents. Participants will develop a thorough understanding of key developmental and growth milestones in infants, thus providing a framework for identification of abnormalities that warrant further investigation. At the other end of the spectrum, participants will be able to identify signs of abuse and neglect in the elder population. Many elder deaths go unseen by law enforcement and other death investigation personnel. By applying the refined interviewing techniques, they will be better equipped to obtain comprehensive and reliable details that contribute to the overall quality of investigations. Participants will become up-to-date on the latest trends in illicit opioids, especially nitazenes. The audience will also explore the ways in which an anthropologist's expertise provides valuable insights into both simple and complex skeletal remains cases.

OBJECTIVES

At the completion of this program, participants should be able to:

- Identify normal developmental and growth milestones in infants.
- Identify various aspects of interviewing psychology, learning methods of interviewing witnesses and next-of-kin.
- Identify what is important to photograph, examine, and document when conducting scene investigations, for both adults and children.
- Describe nitazenes and other current opioid drug trends.
- Describe the role of an anthropologist in a death investigation.
- Learn how to recognize cases of elder abuse and/or neglect.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT:

All participants requesting continuing education credit, or a certificate of attendance must complete documentation of attendance and evaluation form online within the timeframe noted.



In support of improving patient care, this activity has been planned and implemented by University of Kansas Medical Center and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. University of Kansas Medical Center is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

PHYSICIANS:

AMA PRA Category 1 Credit

The University of Kansas Medical Center designates this live activity for a maximum of 6 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

American Board of Medicolegal Death

Investigators (ABMDI) Approved for 6 ABMDI credit hours.

All others will receive a certificate of attendance.

NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

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PROGRAM ACCESSIBILITY

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